

out social adjustment, has directed its teaching methods, its courses, and its daily life to this complex and manifold end. There is provision for the individual needs of each student who enters.

## PLAN OF STUDY

Although there are no required courses and no required number of credit hours, the beginning student without conviction as to his ultimate goal is expected to undertake a diversified, general program. The courses he elects are intended to increase his knowledge in more than one field, and to clarify the direction of his interest. The entering student who knows the direction of his interest and has already investigated the other main fields may concentrate upon the field of his interest. In either case when it is evident that the student is ready to specialize, he prepares a plan of study in his field with the collaboration of his advisor. Permission to prepare for graduation depends upon faculty approval of this plan, and upon written and oral examinations in the fields in which he has studied. The student is also expected to have learned to work by himself and assume responsibility in the community.

A comprehensive examination is made available each year to those students who wish to find out how they stand in general knowledge and maturity, as evaluated by the Faculty. The progress of each student is periodically discussed by the Faculty as a whole. Although records are kept for reference and for possible transfer of credit, no academic grades are given to students.

## GRADUATION

When a student has completed his plan of study he asks to be examined for graduation. If the Faculty finds his work satisfactory, an outside examiner is invited to the College. For the student intending to continue his studies and knowing which graduate school he desires to enter, the College attempts to obtain an outside examiner from that school. Otherwise the College invites the best available examiner in the field of the student's major interest.

The examiner usually requires papers covering the student's field of study. These are followed by oral examination. Exhibitions or performances may supplement the papers. Graduation is decided upon by the Faculty, which bases its decision on the report of the examiner and on the student's entire record at the College.

The work demanded for graduation is equivalent to that required for a Bachelor of Arts degree at colleges and universities of long-established standing. Black Mountain College confers a Certificate of Graduation. Its students have done commendable work in leading graduate schools.